

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
STARTEC GLOBAL OPERATING COMPANY FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO ABANDON COMPETITIVE ) PSC DOCKET NO. 09-196  
INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE )  
(FILED MAY 11, 2009) )

**ORDER NO. 7568**

**AND NOW**, to-wit, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009;

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2009, Startec Global Operating Company ("Startec"), filed an application seeking authority to abandon service within the State of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, Startec was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") pursuant to Rule 7 of the PSC "Rules for the Provision of Telecommunications Services," to provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services by PSC Order No. 5203 (Aug. 31, 1999) in PSC Docket No. 98-542; and

**WHEREAS**, 26 *Del. C.* § 203A(c)(1) provides that no public utility shall abandon or discontinue, in whole or in part, any business, operations, or services provided under a CPCN or otherwise, which are subject to jurisdiction of the Commission without first having received Commission approval for such abandonment or discontinuance; and

**WHEREAS**, Startec filed with the Commission a verified application seeking the entry of an Order of the Commission canceling and terminating its CPCN; and

**WHEREAS**, Startec has asserted that it has no customers in Delaware and no outstanding liabilities to any Delaware customers in the form of deposits nor prepayments for any of its services; and

**WHEREAS,** the Commission has determined that applications to terminate CPCNs granted to provide competitive intrastate telecommunications services should be routinely approved upon the filing of a verified application and that, in a competitive market, such abandonment or discontinuance is presumptively reasonable, necessary, and not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:**

1. That, upon the express condition that the representations in the verified application of Startec Global Operating Company are true and correct, said application to abandon the provision of competitive intrastate telecommunications services as a public utility filed by Startec Global Operating Company is hereby granted and approved effective with the date of this Order.

2. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Dallas Winslow  
Commissioner

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/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary